THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) The highest of domestic savings reached in India was 24.7 per cent of GDP at market prices in 1978-79. Since then, the rate of savings has declined; the rate for 1983-84 has been estimated at 22.6 per cent.

(b) The decline in the rate of domestic savings was mainly due to a fall in the household sector saving from 18.1 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to 16.8 per cent in 1983-84. There was also a fall in the rate of savings of the public sector which was 'caused mainly by the fall i_n the savings of the administrative departments of the Government.

(c) It is estimated that witti suitable policies, the rate of domestic savings could be made to average 24 per cent dur ing the Seventh Plan period. This, together with th_e expected inflow of capital, would enable financing of the proposed invest ment outlay during the Pla_n period.

♦WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED* AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 21ST AUGUST, 198S

Recommendations of the Vice-Chancellors' Conference

*401. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what recommendations have been made by the Vice-Chancellors' Conference in its report submitted to Government in June 1985; and

(b) whether it has recommended a 5 per cent contribution by each Ministry on the ground that their manpower requirements are ultimately taken care of by educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The UGC had set up a Committee of Vice-Chancellors to prepare a Status Paper on Higher Education in the context of the on-going review of the Education Policy. The Report of this Committee was forwarded by the UGC in June 1985, It suggested that plan allocations for major developmental sectors should include 5 per cent of such allocations for manpower development.

बिहार में दुर्गावती जलाशय परियोजना

*402. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद** : क्या **सिंचाई और विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दुर्गावती जलाशय परियोजना (कर्मचट बांध, बिहार की आधारशिला 1976 में रखी गई थी ;

(ख) तो क्या यह परियोजना 1980 तक पूरी हो जाने वाली थी ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि यह परियोजना अभी तक पूरी नहीं हुई है ; और

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त भागों का उत्तर "हां" में हो तो इस परियोजना को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानंद) : (क) से (घ) परियोजना पर निर्माण कार्य 1976 में आरम्भ किया गया था तथा परियोजना रिपोर्ट के अनुसार इसको लगभग 6 वर्षों में पूरा किया जाना था । राज्य सरकार ने अभी परियोजना कार्य पूरा नहीं किए हैं । सातवीं योजना में निर्माणाधीन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने को प्राथमिकता दी गई है ।

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, the 21st August, 1985 was adjourned after obituary Reference. Answers to Questions put down in the Lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on thursday, the 22nd August, 1985. 956 RS—8.